



The mission of the Continuum of Care (COC) is to ensure continuing development and delivery of appropriate services to those children with the most severe and complex emotional or behavioral health challenges whose needs are not being adequately met by existing services and programs. In order to carry out this mission, the COC provides intensive care coordination through a care planning process called High Fidelity Wraparound.

Wraparound is a team-based approach to caring for families with complicated needs. COC ensures the special needs of our families are met by augmenting existing resources to create a full-service array that ensures our youth have access to services and supports they need in order to be served in the least-restrictive, most-appropriate setting.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A youth meets the initial screening criteria with a **Child & Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System (CALOCUS) score of 23+**, then he/she will be assessed further for High Fidelity Wraparound eligibility.

Also, youth:

- currently in or on a waiting list for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF);
- youth with a court order for admission to a PRTF;
- youth discharging from an acute hospitalization;

**OR**

COC will assess eligibility by gathering the following documentation for review:

- documentation of a severe emotional or behavioral health diagnosis
- involvement with multiple state agencies
- assessment of functioning via the **Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) of 140+**

To be served:

- be a legal resident of South Carolina; parent or guardian must remain a resident of South Carolina for the youth to continue to be eligible for COC services
- has not yet reached his/her eighteenth (18) birthday; if 18 or older, be enrolled in a special education program
- confirmation of a severe emotional or behavioral health diagnosis document by a Physician, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Counseling Psychologist, Licensed Master Social Worker, Licensed Independent Social Worker-Clinical Practice, Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Developmental Pediatrician, or Department of Mental Health Licensed Physician
- have treatment needs which are not being met by the existing service delivery systems and which require a comprehensive and organized system of care
- be in the custody of his/her parents or other legal custodian/guardian

## WHAT IS WRAPAROUND?

High Fidelity Wraparound is an effective, evidence-based process of care coordination and planning. It builds on the collective action of a team, which helps the family reach their vision for the future. This team, called the Child & Family Team (CFT), includes the youth and his/her family, natural supports, and professional service providers.

Through monthly meetings, the CFT will develop a community-based plan of care that includes strategies to assure that the youth and their families can experience success in their community, home, and school. If therapeutic admissions are necessary, we strive for solid discharge planning that is short-term and ensures a successful return to the home and community.

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## WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF BEING INVOLVED WITH COC?

COC is able to fill gaps in the current service array by acquiring additional services for our families, such as respite and Parent Peer Support. When a youth is in a PRTF, COC can pay for Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services to begin in the home with the family and when the youth is home on weekends and holidays to prepare for discharge back to the community.

Families will have an individualized plan of care that reflects their voice and choice and is based on their underlying needs. Through the team approach, formal and informal supports come together with the family monthly to make decisions related to the care of the youth. Through the process of High Fidelity Wraparound, family's strengths and informal supports are identified and built on so that, eventually, they have the resources they need to manage the behavioral health care needs of their youth in their home and community without the assistance of Wraparound.

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## HOW TO REFER?

Referrals can be made to the COC by parents/guardians, state agencies, private providers, or other individuals in the community. Please find and print the application/referral form on our website by visiting <http://coc.sc.gov/apply.html>

Once filled out, this form can be returned/scanned/faxed to the appropriate regional office below. For a regional map, visit <http://coc.sc.gov/contact.html>

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